

confusion and insecurity among students about adopting educational career and employment for themselves?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) It is necessary for students to pursue long-term academic courses in universities as well as equip themselves with shorter duration diploma/certificate courses to better equip themselves with the skill requirements of a swiftly changing job situation. This is now a universal Phenomena and is in keeping with the spirit of UNESCO's Delors Report on Education of combining Learning to know with Learning to Do.

De-recognition of Teachers Training Colleges

1440. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCTE has decided to de-recognise some Teachers Training Colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the list of such colleges, State-wise;

(c) the fate of colleges de-recognised so far and the grounds for the same, with special reference to the North East; and

(d) the proposal, if any, to improve the same and to re-recognize them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) had refused/withdrawn recognition of teacher training institutions on account of their inability to comply with the norms and standards prescribed by the Council. The number of institutions so affected during the year 2000-2001 are 11 in Andhra Pradesh, 5 in Assam, 4 each in Bihar and West Bengal, 1 each in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh), and Orissa, 18 in Maharashtra, 23 in Kerala and 9 in Tamil Nadu. The affected institutions may apply afresh for grant of recognition for running the teacher education programme to the

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Regional Committees of the National Council for Teacher Education who will decide if the institutions satisfy norms and standards prescribed.

CBSE institutions in foreign countries

†1441. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE proposes to open educational institutions in foreign countries for non resident Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the justification and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does not open or run a school. It affiliates schools for the purpose of examinations conducted by it. 91 schools located in 18 foreign countries are affiliated to the CBSE as on 26.7.2001.

Central University in Manipur

1442. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Central Universities directly controlled by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that except Manipur, other backward States, specially in the North East and Union Territories, have opened Central Universities; and

(c) if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government for Manipur regarding opening of Central University?

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